

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
**Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee**  
**Meeting April 25, 2014**

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**PRESENT**

Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS  
Jennifer Branham, committee member  
Steven Grimes, committee member  
Tony Foy, committee member  
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services  
Roseann Smith, Finney, Zimmerman Psychotherapy Assoc.  
Maria Suarez, Family Systems/New Life  
Lawrence Lambert, The Barry Robinson Center  
Julie Delk, The Barry Robinson Center  
Denise Henock, The Barry Robinson Center  
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.  
Linda Bright, Healthcare Services of Hampton Roads  
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services  
Matt Donovan, Pendleton Child Services Center/Family Net  
Vonda Alston, One Vision & Assoc  
April Liverman, Sarah's Place  
Corie Brown, Serenity Living, LLC  
Ronnie Jones, Serenity Living, LLC  
Chris Phillips, Brighter Days Family Services  
Sherry Ferebee, Va Support Group, LLC  
Jermel Pittman, Interviewee

**ABSENT**

Kenneth Briggs, Sr., committee member  
Karol Cason, Cason Community Behavioral

Ms. Jennifer Branham called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. A quorum was present.  
Mr. Stewart Prost attended the LHRC meeting on this date. Fourteen reports were sent in ahead of time for this meeting.

**2014 Meeting Dates**

The next meeting to review the 2st quarter will be held on Friday, July 25, 2014. Due to the October State Human Rights meeting being scheduled on the same date as the Local Human Rights meeting, there was a motion to change the Local Human Rights meeting date in October to October 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grimes and approved. Reminder letters will be sent out prior.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the February 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Foy made a motion to accept the minutes as written with Mr. Grimes seconding that motion. The minutes were approved.

**Advocate's Report**

- Mr. Prost gave a short history of the Southside Local Human Rights Committee and how the name was adopted.
- Mr. Prost discussed the status of the Committee and the consumer vacancy. He reported having an applicant to be interviewed today during closed session. He encouraged providers to continually look to possible applicants to fill vacancies.

- Mr. Prost informed the Committee and providers of personnel changes within the Regional Human Rights Committee and the LHRC. Regionally, Ms. Hillary Zaneveld will be resigning in March and taking a position at Colonial Behavioral Health. On the state level, Ms. Margaret Walsh will be retiring in July, and Ms. Deborah Ferguson will be the new Commissioner.
- Mr. Prost discussed proposed changes to Human Rights Regulations with regards to how Issues/Allegations would be handled. He also reported the proposal for fewer LHRCs with more affiliates. He stated providers would be required to attend only when necessary and that quarterly reports would be eliminated. Mr. Prost stated it could be a minimum of 18 months before these changes could become effective and that presently all business will be handled as it has been in the past.
- Mr. Prost discussed the required quarterly reports to be submitted by providers prior to the quarterly meetings.
  - Providers are required to submit on specific form (current form) and attach AB01 from CHRIS system. Reports need to be sent in two weeks prior to the quarterly meeting. If this continues to be a problem, Mr. Prost may find it necessary to recommend citations to the licensing specialist.
  - The LHRC Liaison is the person who is being sent to the meeting.
  - Every provider must send a representative to every LHRC meeting. No shows and No calls are not acceptable.
  - If a provider is having a problem with the CHRIS system, please call Stewart Prost for assistance. If you are not licensed and not taking clients with nothing to report, please note that on the form.
- There was discussion regarding the submission of quarterly reports and the providers sending them directly to Mr. Prost and the Committee Members. A motion was proposed and approved that any future quarterly reports will be forwarded directly to Mr. Prost and the Committee Members via either regular mail or e-mail. Ms. Branham was willing to create a drop box account for providers to e-mail their reports to so Committee Members and others who are authorized could access them as necessary. Mr. Prost suggested using the initials SRLHRC@gmail.com.

### **Old Business**

None reported

### **New Business**

The Committee Member applicant was interviewed during the closed session.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Program Reports**

1. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeffrey Burns reviewed the quarterly report which indicated 79 clients served in 9 groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Mr. Burns also noted that Tidewater Psychotherapy has moved to a larger facility. No amended policies.

2. Finney, Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates – Roseann Smith reported that Finney Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates served 26 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported that Paramount Youth Services served 7.6 clients. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Mr. Sutton reported that there was a licensure visit in March resulting in another 2 year licensure. No policy changes.
4. New Life and Family Systems – Maria Suarez reviewed her quarterly report. New Life: There were 9 clients served, 1 Group Home/8 In Home. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Family Systems: Clients served were Day Treatment 27/MHS 31/ IH 11. There is one pending complaint. No policy changes.
5. Vito Inc. – Mr. Morlino reviewed the quarterly report. There were 71 clients served. There were no complaints. Mr. Morlino reported Mr. Gonzalez came out for the licensure review and their license was renewed. Mr. Morlino reported having one application for a consumer vacancy position to turn in but the individual was currently out of town.
6. Family Net – Matt Donovan reviewed the quarterly report which indicated that 31 clients were served in the intensive in-home program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Sarah's Place- April Liverman reviewed her quarterly report. There were 4 clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
8. One Vision and Associates- Vonda Alston reviewed her quarterly report. There were 4 clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Ms. Alston reported a name change to One Vision 7, Inc.
9. Health Care Services of Hampton Roads, Inc.- Linda Bright reviewed the quarterly reports. For the quarter they were serving 49 clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Ms. Bright reported having over 200 helmets for seizure disorder clients if any providers needed them. Mr. Prost discussed that the use of protective helmets are considered a protective restraint and required a doctor's order and policy in effect on the use of passive restraints before using them.
10. The Barry Robinson Center – Lawrence Lambert reported that the average monthly census was 60 in the Residential Treatment Program. There were 7 abuse allegations cases to be discussed in closed session. Mr. Lambert reported that one of these allegations had resulted in a finding.
11. Pendleton Child Services Center – Matt Donovan reviewed Pendleton's quarterly report. There were 24 individuals served with no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. No amended policies and procedures.

12. Virginia Support Group – Sherry Ferebee reviewed the Virginia Support Group's quarterly report. The written report indicated 2 clients served. There were two allegations of neglect, peer-to-peer, that were unfounded. Ms. Ferebee reported the license is up for renewal in June.
13. Serenity Living, LLC – Corie Brown Jones reviewed the quarterly reports. There were no clients served. No complaints and no policy changes.
14. Cason Community & Behavioral Services – There was no representative from Cason Community & Behavioral Services available and no reports had been previously sent in for review.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)4 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing abuse/neglect allegations for Sarah's Place and The Barry Robinson Center and to interview a prospective committee member.

### **Exit Executive Session**

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated that the following recommendations be made.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. Ms. Branham asked for a motion to accept the interviewed nominee to fill the consumer vacancy. Mr. Grimes made a motion to accept the nominee with Mr. Foy seconding the motion. The motion was approved.
2. Sarah's Place: A recommendation was made to revise the safety plan for the individual, which needs to be submitted to the Committee at the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.